

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] DE 34 ~~42~~13 145 A1 published in 1985, describes an electret condenser microphone assembly suited for replacing a dynamic microphone in a telephone handset. In an embodiment the microphone assembly has a differential electret condenser microphone connected to a differential FET-based preamplifier providing a differential output.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,463 is complicated to produce due to the symmetrical diaphragm structure and it does not solve the dynamic range problem. DE 34 ~~42~~13 145 A1 provides a balanced output signal thus providing a high dynamic range. However, the balanced output requires an extra output terminal and thus the solution is unsuitable for miniaturisation in low cost mass production since extra terminals require space and the manufacturing process becomes more complicated and time consuming.